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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7192

BILL NUMBER: HB 1331

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 3, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Body Armor for Police Officers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lawson L

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Wyss

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 X DEDICATED
 X FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Replacement of Body Armor*- The bill provides that a city, county, or town (unit) shall provide an active member of the police department of the unit with body armor for the torso (armor). The bill requires a unit to replace armor according to the replacement period recommended by the manufacturer of the armor.

Technical Corrections- The bill makes technical corrections. The bill also makes a conforming amendment.

Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds- The bill provides that a unit cumulative capital improvement fund may be used to purchase body armor for active members of a police department.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Replacement of Body Armor*- The bill would have an indeterminable impact on local expenditures. The impact would depend on the amount of replacement body armor needed as of the effective date of the bill, the amount of which is unknown. The impact to local expenditures would also be affected by the availability of matching federal grants for body armor.

(Revised) *Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds*- This provision could designate funds for body armor that would otherwise have been designated for another capital improvement project. The bill gives the option to

purchase body armor through these funds. Any impact to local expenditures would depend on local action. Units may or may not be able to establish a local levy capital improvement fund depending on their maximum levy amount and tax rates.

Background: Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program- Local law enforcement agencies may apply to the federal government's BVP Program. During FY 2008, 108 local law enforcement jurisdictions were awarded approximately \$431,015 to purchase a *requested* 2,032 vests. Whether the funding was sufficient for the requested vest total is unknown.

The BVP Program is a 50% matching fund for qualified vest purchases. In order to receive funds, local departments must complete an application and meet several standards, including the safety level of the vests purchased according to NIJ Standard 0101.04.

Vest Cost- One supplier of body armor carries complete vests that range in cost from \$490 to \$840 per unit.

Estimated Number of Local Law Enforcement Officers- As of May 2007, there were an estimated 10,710 to 10,760 local police and sheriff patrol officers on duty and 242 law enforcement jurisdictions in Indiana.

(Revised) Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds- The following table illustrates 2007 revenue for cumulative capital improvement funds that could be affected by this proposal.

Table. Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds (Cities and Towns)		
Fund Name	Number of Units w/CCIF	2007 Revenue
Capital Improvement (Cigarette Tax)	439	\$11,381,739
Capital Improvement (Local Levy)	14	\$2,963,772
TOTAL*	n/a	\$14,345,511
* A total of 439 cities or towns have a CCI Fund for Cigarette Tax revenue; 14 of these units also have a CCIF generated by local property tax rates.		

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of Local Expenditures*.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies, cities, and towns.

Information Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Employment Statistics* for May 2007, Travis Robinson, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Steven R. Jenkins Company, 1-800-652-8244; United States Department of Justice, BVP Program; FBI Uniform Crime Reports 2007; LOGODABA.

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